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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento – Smugglers Linked to California Homes Pretended to Be Law Enforcement Agents

(U) The FBI says it has broken up a nationwide marijuana smuggling, and unemployment fraud ring whose members impersonated FBI, Drug Enforcement, and Secret Service agents and made up phony federal search warrants and court orders. The defendants—Quinten Giovanni Moody, Myra Boleche Minks and Jessica Tang—are described as being part of the Moody-Minks Organization, a criminal organization whose members and associates engage in, among other things, drug trafficking, fraud, and the impersonation of federal law enforcement officers.

SOURCE: 4 June 2022, The Sacramento Bee

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – DHS Warns Online Forums Are Encouraging Copycat Attacks

(U) Washington — The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a terror threat bulletin today warning that online forums harboring domestic violent extremist content and conspiracy theories have encouraged copycat attacks in the wake of the mass shooting at Robb Elementary school in Uvalde, Texas. Analysts from DHS Office of Intelligence & Analysis assess that these online platforms have also "seized on the event to attempt to spread disinformation and incite grievances, including claims it was a government-staged event meant to advance gun control measures."

SOURCE: 7 June 2022, CBS News

(U) District of Columbia – Proud Boys Leader, Four Others, Charged with Sedition in Capitol Attack

(U) Washington — The former leader of the right-wing group the Proud Boys, Enrique Tarrio, and four associates were charged with seditious conspiracy for their role in the 6 January 2021, attack on the US Capitol. Federal prosecutors accused the five men of plotting the attack in advance and encouraging other Trump supporters to prevent Congress from certifying his 2020 election defeat by Democrat Joe Biden. The new indictment accuses them of encouraging other Proud Boys to come to Washington on 6 January 2021; raising money to buy bulletproof vests and other tactical gear; and directing crowd members into the Capitol and assaulting police once the attack was underway.

SOURCE: 7 June 2022, Reuters

(U) District of Columbia - TFTC Designate a Broad Range of Financiers of Terrorism

(U) Washington — Members of the Terrorist Financing Targeting Center (TFTC) sanctioned 16 individuals, entities, and groups affiliated with a variety of regional terrorist organizations. All of these targets have been previously designated by the United States. The targets included three individuals associated with Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-Qods Force (IRGC-QF), four ISIS-associated individuals and one company, six Boko Haram financiers, and terrorist groups Saraya al-Ashtar and Saraya al-Mukhtar. This TFTC designation action marks the fifth year of coordinated TFTC sanctions actions targeting terrorist financing.

SOURCE: 6 June 2022, US Department of the Treasury

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(U) Wisconsin - Mitch McConnell, Two Governors Said to be on Gunman's Hit List

(U) New Lisbon— The names of US Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers appeared on a hit list kept by a man accused of fatally shooting a retired Wisconsin judge. The Wisconsin Department of Justice said retired judge John Roemer, 68, was found dead on Friday in his home after the local sheriff's office received a call about "an armed person and two shots fired in a Township of New Lisbon residence." The department called the ex-judge's killing a "targeted" attack. It said that Douglas Uhde, 56, was found in the basement of Roemer's home with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. The suspect was taken to the hospital and a firearm was recovered at the scene.

SOURCE: 6 June 2022, Reuters

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Democratic Republic of Congo - Militiamen Kill 12 in Village Raid

(U) Kasenyi – Militiamen killed 12 people in a night raid on a village in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo near the shore of Lake Albert, a local human rights group said today. The group and an army spokesman blamed the attack on CODECO, one of many militias operating in Congo's conflict-ridden east.

SOURCE: 7 June 2022, Reuters

(U) Iran – IAEA Reports Iran is Weeks Away from Having Significant Quantity of Enriched Uranium

(U) Tehran – Iran is only a few weeks away from having a "significant quantity of enriched uranium," the International Atomic Energy Agency's Director General Rafael Grossi said yesterday. The IAEA defines "significant quantity" of enriched uranium as "the approximate amount of nuclear material for which the possibility of manufacturing a nuclear explosive device cannot be excluded."

SOURCE: 6 June 2022, CNN

(U) Iraq – Authorities Capture Over a Dozen ISIS Terrorists

(U) Baghdad – More than a dozen ISIS terrorists, including several top commanders, were captured by Iraqi forces hours after five civilians were killed and several others injured in an attack in the eastern province of Diyala. The Iraqi National Intelligence Service (INIS) announced it had arrested 14 people responsible for planning and carrying out attacks during a large-scale operation in Baghdad. According to the intelligence service, the detainees include senior Daesh commanders, namely Abu Safana, Abu Omar, and Abu Musab, who were arrested during several ambushes.

SOURCE: 6 June 2022, Tasnim News Agency

(U) Italy – Elaborate Sting Targets Colombian Drug Gang

(U) Rome – Italian police have seized 4.3 tons of cocaine with a street value of \$255.86 million, carrying out an elaborate sting against the Colombian Clan del Golfo drugs gang. Italian investigators said they had issued arrest warrants for 38 people in Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Bulgaria, the Netherlands and Colombia. The investigation lasted more than a year and involved both the Colombian judiciary and US Homeland Security. Besides the cocaine, police also confiscated \$1.97 million in cash.

SOURCE: 7 June 2022, Reuters

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